

# The Middletown Transcript.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.  
SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1877.

It may be refreshing and interesting to our Republican readers to learn that Senator Howe, of Wisconsin, utterly repudiates the "Mrs. Pinkston outrage" stories, and denounces them as wholly false and entirely unworthy of belief.

## THE SOUTHERN STATES.

FLORIDA.—Since the inauguration of the Democratic State officials all has become quiet, and harmony prevails in all parts of the State. The Congressional Committees have finished their election examinations and returned to Washington, but the result of their labors has not yet been officially made public.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Both Hampton and Chamberlain continue to exercise the governorship of the State, but as the Chamberlain party are without funds and cannot raise any by taxation, while the people readily respond to Hampton's calls for payment of taxes, it is only a question of time—provided, the Washington administration keeps out of it—as to which side will succeed. The Chamberlain usurpation must and will come to an end, and that right soon. It wouldn't stand an hour, now, if it was not for the support of the military forces of Gen. Ruger.

LOUISIANA.—The greatest interest has centered in this State, where a very important movement of rather a revolutionary character, took place on Tuesday morning. Gen. Nicholls having been inaugurated as Governor, and feeling that he was fairly elected to that position by a large majority of the legal voters of the State, made a determined effort to take possession of the State offices which were held by the Packard faction. For this purpose he called to his aid the Democratic clubs, and the State militia, who, by his orders, captured all the police stations, the Supreme Court building, and the Arsenal, and besieged the State House, which was occupied by Packard, his Legislature and his colored militia. The stations were surrendered without firing a gun, and at no time during the day did any blood spilled. The Metropolitan telegraph wires were cut by the Nicholls militia, but Packard established communication with United States Marshal Pitkin, at the Custom House, by stationing the U. S. Signal Corps on top of the State House. When the Democrats obtained possession of the Court building they installed their judges in place of the Republican Court. A demand for the surrender of the State House was rejected by Packard, who said he would resist an attack. Subsequently, the leaders of the Nicholls party disclaimed any intention of attacking that building. Early in the afternoon, some one in the crowd fired two pistol shots into the lower story of the State House; three shots were returned from within, and, though no one was wounded, the excitement was intense. At this juncture the Mayor rode up in a carriage and read a proclamation which had been issued by Nicholls, representing the danger of the people collecting in large bodies, and enjoining them to return peacefully to their homes. Part of the crowd dispersed, and the remainder were finally induced to retire by the exertions of Nicholls and Chief of Police Baylon. The Democrats remained masters of the situation last night, about 2,500 White Leaguers patrolling the streets, while another force prevented any one from entering or leaving the State House, or taking any food to those inside. There was no interference by General Ruger during the day. The events in New Orleans were considered at a full cabinet meeting, and, as a result, General Augur was instructed last night to suppress "all unauthorized armed bodies organized and assembling in a manner to threaten the peace of the city." The President, it is stated, will not recognize either party claiming to be the Government.

## LOUISIANA'S LAST REVOLUTION.

Yesterday Louisiana notified the people of the United States of another revolution in the capital and commercial metropolis of that State. It was supported by armed force, but without bloodshed, we are glad to say, at least down to the hour when this is written. These events call for some review of the condition of affairs in Louisiana in the last four years; but, as preliminary to that, we desire to say that yesterday's proceedings at New Orleans, as far as we can see the facts through the telegraphic narrative, are entirely indefensible on any pretence that they are lawful and orderly; or upon any ground except the open avowal that they are revolutionary for the attainment of rights that cannot be secured by due course of law. No other ground will justify the movement of a force of armed men, to install judges and to take possession of courts and the machinery for the administration of justice. When men do take that ground they must expect to take all the consequences of armed revolution, even though no life be lost and no blood be shed.

## So much upon that point. It must

now be said that the Government of the United States is directly responsible for what occurred yesterday in Louisiana, and for all the events of the same character that have occurred since 1873. At no time since January of that year has there been a republican form of government in that State, or any but revolutionary government, and of this the Congress of the United States has been fully, if not legally notified. Committees of both the Senate and House of Representatives have inquired into the matter, and their reports to the above effect were spread before the two Houses, but no proper or effective action was taken in either House, although there was some approach to action by the House of Representatives in February, 1875, in an irregular way, through what was known as the "Wheeler plan" or "compromise." This, however, was a poor patch upon an edifice that was defective to its very foundation. Congress is bound by the constitution to see that every State has a republican form of government, and, in order that the readers of the LEADER may understand how entirely Congress has neglected and refused the performance of this duty in the case of Louisiana, we shall refer to a few facts from authority that cannot be successfully disputed.

Just after the State election of 1874 Judge Henry Dibble, who was then, as he is now, an adherent of Governor Kellogg, and who was then the counsel for Kellogg's party, and an officer under Kellogg's government, wrote to Judge Foster, then of the National House of Representatives, and a member of the House investigating committee, that the Kellogg Government and Legislature had no title but that derived from a counter-revolution designed to check and defeat a revolutionary movement of the Democrats; that, in point of fact, the State of Louisiana had no republican form of government, and that there was no way out of the situation but through the interposition of Congress. Later on (February, 1875) a Committee of the House of Representatives, after an official visit to Louisiana, reported what we shall proceed to state in a condensed form, so far as the report relates to this phase of the subject. That Committee was composed as follows: Messrs. Foster, of Ohio; Hoar, of Massachusetts; Frye, of Maine; Wheeler, of New York, and Phelps, of New Jersey, Republicans; and Potter, of New York, and Marshall, of Illinois, Democrats.

When they came to make up their report to be submitted to the House, the Committee divided, two Republicans and two Democrats making the majority report, and three Republicans, Messrs. Hoar, Wheeler and Frye making the minority report. As the minority report was a full and well reasoned document, we shall use that, as expressing, in the matter now under consideration, the conclusions which were more emphatically stated by the majority. They said, among many other things, in accounting for the excited state of feeling among a large portion of the population, that there had been much dishonesty and corruption in the State and local administrations, and great mal-administration by Republican officials; that the action of the officials relating to the election for Governor in 1872 were "so tainted with fraud and illegality" on both sides that the action of neither of the "pretended Returning Boards" can be relied on; that the order of Judge Durell (which led to the installation of the Kellogg Government) and "the so-called canvass made in the interest of Kellogg seemed to them (the committee) to have no validity and to be entitled to no more respect whatever;" that with reference to the election of 1874 the result brought about by the proceedings of the Returning Board, which proceedings they marked by their "emphatic disapprobation," was to defeat persons elected to the Legislature, and to elect those who were defeated at the polls; and that the further result of this was to change the political majority of those authorized to organize the Legislature. In view of all this, and of the intervention of the National Government, the Committee said, Congress is brought to face the fact that "in the State of Louisiana there is a Governor in office who owes his seat to the interference of the national power, which has recognized his title to his office, not by means of any ascertainment of the facts, but has based its action wholly on the illegal order of a Judge, and in the same State a Legislature, one branch of which derives its authority partly from the same illegal order, and the other branch being organized by a majority 'established in power by another interference of the National Government, and which majority derives its authority not from any legal ascertainment of the facts, but from a Returning Board which exceeded its authority;' and then they went on to say that this state of things, with numerous other lawless proceedings, by both parties, "overthrew republican government in the State and seriously menaces it in the whole country."

These are the words of Messrs. Hoar, Wheeler and Frye, their conclusions being emphasized by the other four members of the Committee, who made a much stronger report against the illegal proceedings of the Returning Board. They are the word of an official report to the House of Representatives after a visit to Louisiana, and they made it known to that body that the Kellogg government had no authority in law, that the Returning Board exercised arbitrary and dangerous powers, and that there was no republican

government in that State. All the revolutionary proceedings in Louisiana since, including those of yesterday, are the logical sequences of the neglect of Congress to act upon the warning given by this Committee of the House, which, from its composition, both personally and politically, was entitled to the respect of both Houses. Such revolutions and anarchy are certain to be impending all the time until Congress does its duty by guaranteeing to Louisiana its constitutional right to a republican form of government; and so long as they do impend they are not only destructive to all prosperity in that State, but dangerous to the whole country, as we now know by the deplorable experience of the disputed Presidential election.—*Phila. Ledger* 10 inst.

## Our Washington Letter.

The 8th of January meeting here was a greater success than the press dispatches represented it. It was not as large in number as other meetings on the same day, because there was no building here that would hold those who wished to attend. But the enthusiasm was great, the speeches were excellent, and the effect upon Congress good. Mr. Waterson, of Kentucky, who, by the way, is a native of this city, made the principal speech. Mr. William W. Corcoran, who is much spoken of as Mr. Tilden's Secretary of the Treasury, was one of the Vice Presidents.

In the Senate yesterday, Senator Sherman defended the Returning Board of Louisiana. If Senator S. could see in Ohio the kind of political control that the people of Louisiana suffer from, I do not think he would rest quietly under it. While he was speaking in the Senate, the intelligent people of Louisiana, almost all the people apparently—were driving out the carpet-bagger and ruff-raff elements which had stolen the State Government. Everything seemed to be done peacefully and lawfully, and there was no bloodshed, and if Governor Nicholls proceeds thus prudently and judiciously to the end, no revolution or civil war is to be expected on either side.

Senator Bayard is hopeful of good results from the committees of the Senate and House on the counting of the Electoral vote. Like all the other members, he is reticent as to the proceedings of the committee, but it is known that he has a plan which has been, or will be, submitted for action. Other members of the committee are increasingly hopeful.

The report is just received here of the nomination of Lyman Trumbull, by the Democrats of Illinois, for Senator. This gives the Legislature a chance to choose between Trumbull and Logan. There ought to be no doubt of the result. It is a choice between a bitter partisan on one side and an eminent conservative on the other, and these are times that require conservative statesmanship.

Business in some of the bureaux of the Government is practically suspended. Whether this is due to the uncertainty of life of the clerks, or to the inefficiency of Government officers, or to both, I do not pretend to say. But the fact is as stated, and is the subject of common remark among those in position to know. Senator Morton said two years ago, that we had "the best civil service on the planet," but evidently it was not formed for this particular time.

Nothing has been developed yet showing improper use of money in the Oregon electoral case, though Senator Morton still professes himself satisfied that the proof will be forthcoming. The attempt was to connect President Tilden with the payment of money for the benefit of Gov. Grover. The Senator evidently reasoned from a knowledge of what he would have done, rather than from a just appreciation of Mr. Tilden's character.

Connected with the Oregon case the Senate is considering the advisability of compelling a telegraph operator to disclose the contents of a message sent through him. The House has a similar question on hand and each body is holding back for the other to take the lead. There is every prospect that the session will give \$8 a month to soldiers of the Mexican, Black Hawk and Seminole wars, which passed the House several days since, will pass the Senate. An efficient committee of veterans is working for the bill.

The Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.) prints an account of an interview with Judge Mackey, of South Carolina, in which he said "Gov. Hayes gave it as his opinion that there would be no armed conflict whether he or Mr. Tilden was declared President of the United States. He thought that all suggestions looking to the determination of the presidential issue by the sword would encounter the emphatic condemnation of the thinking men and leaders of both political parties." As to how the solution of the difficulty would be made, he had not definitely called upon either to determine or suggest, but he was satisfied that it would be made in accordance with the constitution of the country, and that it would command the assent of the American people.

## THE BENNETT-MAY DUEL.

Bennett Probably Injured—May Receives an Apology from Him.

DOVER, Del. Jan. 11, 1877.  
About the greatest affair of honor that Delaware has been dishonored with, was the probable face duel between James Gordon Bennett and Frederick May, at Slaughter's Station, ten miles west of this town. The affair looked over here early on Tuesday morning, and from that time until night, every one was excitedly discussing it.

May, and his two friends, came to Dover on Monday evening and engaged rooms at Ford's hotel. Their style of dress and general demeanor were sufficient to excite suspicion, and although they eluded detection by leaving early on Tuesday morning, and before the account of the duel reached town, there were many ways of concluding that they were the May party. They hired a carriage, and went to the hotel, and then to Smyrna. When he arrived there he asked the driver of the team if his horse had been driven hard, to which he received a reply in the affirmative. "How much is he worth?" asked Bennett. "\$250," was the reply. "Well, I have half a notion to give you my check for the amount," said Bennett. But he didn't. A special train was hired by the party and they left Smyrna early in the morning for Wilmington and Philadelphia. Bennett was easily distinguished by the spectators and braves on his face, over which court-plaster was put.

## THE DUEL.

The duel must have been in a manner, but not much in result, and took place on the farm of a New York lawyer, near the Maryland and Delaware line; it is supposed that one of the duellists stood in Delaware and the other in Maryland during the shooting. At one o'clock the party of six met, and fifteen paces marked as the shooting distance. The principals took their places and fired three shots, when Bennett's May approached each other and shook hands, and then dispersed as above stated. At first it was supposed that May was slightly wounded, but he acted, while in Dover, in a perfectly natural manner. As Bennett showed considerable desire to reach Philadelphia, it is believed that he was injured by one of May's bullets. While Bennett was on his way to Smyrna he asked one of his friends if he thought he (Bennett) did right in apologizing to May. Why, certainly you did," replied his friend. L. H. L.

## POLITICAL ITEMS.

Here is a piece of testimony given before the congressional investigating committee concerning Bossier parish, Louisiana: "Hutton was figuring away on a piece of paper when I came up," said Mr. Sewell, a republican, before the Senate committee. "He was figuring away at Smith's vote for Congress, and could not meet it. I'll have to count out those two polls in Bossier, after all," he remarked. I did not want to do it, but it's got to be done to elect Smith."

A dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, to the New York Herald says the preliminary meetings of the democrats in the various counties show that they are very firm in their determination to insist on the inauguration of Tilden. Some have passed resolutions calling upon the national democratic committee to call a mass meeting of the democracy of the nation at Washington on March 3. It is expected the State convention next Tuesday will make a similar report.

## THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.  
Wheat, No. 1, 1.38 @ 1.40  
Corn, yellow, 50 cts.  
Oats, 40 cts.  
Clover, 14 @ 15  
Timothy, 11 @ 12  
Cotton, 11 @ 12 1/2

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.  
Eggs, 35 cts.  
Butter, 25 cts.  
Lard, 11 @ 12  
Spring Chickens, dressed, 12 @ 13 1/2

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.  
Prime red wheat, 1.50 @ 1.55 bus.  
Corn, 50 cts.  
Oats (Pennsylvania), 40 cts.  
Clover, 14 @ 15  
Timothy, 11 @ 12 1/2

BALTIMORE MARKETS.  
Wheat, good to amber, 1.50 @ 1.58  
Corn, yellow, 50 cts.  
Oats, 40 cts.  
Rye, 40 cts.

## New Advertisements.

**FOR RENT.**  
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**CARRIAGES.**  
One Side-bar Buggy, Rogers' make; One Full Spring Buggy, by Gessner & Roberts; One Wagon, with Harness; One Business Wagon, Two Good Sets of Light Double Harness, Seven Sets of Single Harness, a large number of Blankets, Robes, and all other articles used in the business.  
TERMS.—All sums of \$10 and under, Cash; over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given on payment giving bankable note with approved endorser.  
S. M. REYNOLDS, Agent. Jan 13-1f

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EDITORIAL ARTICLES upon every subject of present interest or importance.  
By the principles by which THE WORLD will be governed in its discussion and treatment of all public questions, it will suffice to say that it will be conservative in politics, desiring the conservation of what is good and wise in our public institutions and our political system; liberal in spirit, it admits limitations upon the rights of private judgment and the aspirations of reform, save those which are imposed by prudence, decorum, and the honest opinions of all classes and sects of men. While it has labored for the principles and holds the triumph of the Republic as its end, it is not a party paper, and it will not be a party paper.

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It will indicate a steadfast reliance upon the original principles of our political system as the only sound basis of all needed improvements therein; an unflinching devotion to the Constitution and the Union, a scrupulous fidelity to the spirit and letter of our laws, and a sleepless vigilance in maintaining all the great safeguards of Civil and Religious Liberty. It will seek to enlighten and not to agitate; to elevate and not to degrade the public mind; to promote good and not ill feeling among all classes and sects of men. It will be guided by its precepts and by its example the reign of Reason and of Law over prejudice and passion in all our public action and in the discussion of all public affairs.

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New Castle County, Oct. 25th, 1876.  
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Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County, this 25th day of October, 1876, and year above written. S. C. BIGGS Register.

### NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Administrator on or before Oct. 25th, 1877, or abide an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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### PUBLIC SALE

### RAIL ROAD.

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Thursday, 15th of February, 1877, commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M., the following described Railroad Property, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, commonly called

### The Kent County Rail Road.

The Company was chartered by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, on the 8th of March, 1856, and several supplementary Acts relating thereto have been since passed by the General Assembly of Maryland; all which Acts may be found among the published laws of the State, together with all the estate, property, franchises, rights and charters privileges belonging, attached, or appurtenant to said Road, including a lot of rails which have been removed from the road bed.

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There are Stations at Worton, Lynch's, Still Point, Kennedyville, Blacks, Lantons, and buildings at all of them. The depot at Chestertown contains upwards of two acres, where there is a turn-table, and several buildings.

### Also.

All that portion of the Kent County Rail Road between Worton Station and the main road leading from Chestertown by the Fancy Farm, and intersecting said road, or near Watsons, on the Wilmington Farm, a distance of between three and four miles. This part of the road is in full operation.

### Also.

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### Also.

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### Also.

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### Also.

All that portion of the Kent County Railroad leading from Chestertown through the lands of Messrs J. N. Ustion, Dr. T. H. Whaland, Judge Wickes and others, to a farm belonging to the Rev. Samuel W. Thomas, near Belair, a distance of about four and a half miles. A Track has been laid about two-thirds of the distance, and the whole graded and bridged.

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Jan. 6-1m

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SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1877.

## LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Mr. Wm. Brady offers his cottage for rent.  
Nine prisoners escaped from Dover jail  
Thursday night.

Smyrna and vicinity had 47 marriages and  
64 deaths last year.

James H. Scowdick, agent, offers several  
houses in Middletown for rent.

The Milford News says the steel and fly  
have seriously damaged the wheat in that  
vicinity.

E. R. Cochran offers the dwelling house on  
his (Reading) farm about two miles from  
town, for rent.

At the Directors Election of Odessa Bank  
last week all the old directors and officers  
were re-elected.

All the last year directors of the (Smyrna)  
Fruit Growers' National Bank were re-elected  
last Tuesday. So also were the officers.

The Smyrna Times has changed its "make  
up" so as to put its local department on  
the first page, and its selections, stories, &c., on  
the inside.

The Temperance entertainment in the Hall  
last week was well conducted and was a very  
pleasant and interesting affair, and was  
spoken of in the highest terms by all who  
attended it.

Two pigeon shooting matches took place at  
Middletown yesterday. The first was between  
E. M. Parry and R. T. Clayton, for a horse  
valued at \$10, and was won by Mr. Parry.

The second was between Mr. Parry and a  
gentleman from Pennsylvania for a purse of  
\$100.

**Large Sale of Personal Property.**  
Samuel Townsend, Esq., as executor, will  
sell at public sale, at his late residence of  
John Townsend, deceased, all the stock and  
utensils used upon the farm of said deceased,  
near Townsend, Del., on Wednesday, Feb.  
14th next.

**Sudden Death at Kirkwood.**  
Wm. Magens, station agent at Kirkwood,  
died very suddenly at that place last Friday  
evening. He had been unwell for some days,  
but on Friday seemed to be in good health,  
and went about his duties as usual, but about  
four o'clock in the afternoon he suddenly  
dropped dead. He was 70 years old.

**Citizens' National Bank Election.**  
An election for directors of this bank for  
the ensuing year, took place at the banking  
house in Middletown on Tuesday. No special  
interest was manifested and no lullaby made,  
and the full board of directors were unani-  
mously re-elected. Their names are pub-  
lished in our Middletown Directory.

**A Fatal Fall.**  
Frederick Matritz, a well-known morocco  
manufacturer of Wilmington, whilst on a visit  
to Philadelphia called at a shoe manufactory  
on last Friday week, and after reaching the  
top of a flight of stairs, slipped and fell to  
the bottom, fracturing his skull in the fall. He  
was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital,  
but his injuries were so great that he died in  
a few hours.

**The Middletown School Bill.**  
The bill introduced into the legislature by  
Mr. Davis this week in regard to the schools  
of this town, provides for the incorporation  
of the two districts—Nos. 60 and 64—under  
the name of the "Middletown Public Schools,"  
and for the election of nine directors, and  
requires them to lay an annual tax of not less  
than \$1000 nor more than \$1200, and author-  
izes them to lay a supplementary tax.

**The Melting of the Snow.**  
The warm spell and rain last Saturday and  
Sunday caused the snow to melt rapidly and  
the streets on Sunday morning were covered  
in many places, with water making the walk-  
ing very disagreeable. In consequence a good  
many people stayed at home, as the walking  
was too bad to go to church. The sleighing  
was nearly spoiled, but as the wind blew up  
last again on Monday night, the water and  
slush became frozen and made the sleighing  
though rather rough, nearly as good as ever.

**The Election Cases.**  
At a session of the U. S. Court, in Wilming-  
ton, on Thursday, John Brannon was con-  
victed of having procured and voted in the  
name of John Harris, at the recent election.  
Some of the witnesses on the part of the  
prosecution gave evidence tending to impeach  
police officer Wm. Legg in having induced  
the prisoner to the illegal voting, but the pris-  
oner himself blamed James Middleton. Mr.  
Michael McCarthy, charged with assault upon  
and resisting, Deputy U. S. Marshals, on the  
case of election, was also found guilty. The  
case of Michael Cannon was continued to next  
term, Dennis Kane becoming his bail in  
\$1,000.

**Constanting Accident.**  
Wilmington's young men and boys still  
continue their coasting fun despite the serious  
accidents that occasionally occur. Another  
accident, which was rather a bad one for the  
coasters occurred on Wednesday evening—  
On that evening the coasting was better than  
it had been for some time previous, and the  
coasters turned out in large numbers. About  
six o'clock a man in a sleigh with a pair of  
horses was driving up Fourth street when  
the coasters were thickest, when a large sled  
or "jumper" occupied by three young men—  
Edwin S. Sharper, Wm. Zeigler and Dennis  
Shields—came rushing up the hill, striking  
against and throwing one of the horses  
while at the same time another sled, ridden  
by Wilmer Thomas, tripped up the other  
horse, upsetting the sleigh and spilling the  
occupant. Bystanders ran to the assistance  
of the boys, and found two of them, Thomas  
and Shields, in an insensible condition—  
They were carried to a neighboring drug  
store and their wounds examined. Thomas  
had his head badly cut, as though he had  
been kicked by the horse, and Shields had  
received a severe blow on the back of the  
head, from which he remained insensible for  
several hours. He was out, however, the  
next morning, but Thomas is still confined to  
the house. The other two boys were also  
hurt, but not so badly as these. One had his  
leg sprained and the other his tongue cut.  
The man and the horses and sleigh were un-  
hurt and went on their way rejoicing.

## A Four Weeks' Meeting.

Is announced at the Methodist Church, to  
begin Monday night, January 15th. Sermons  
may be expected during the first week, from  
Rev. J. B. Merritt, of Odessa, Rev. Geo. R.  
Bristow, of Bethel, and from Rev. Mr. Ken-  
nedy and Dr. Patton, of Middletown—in the  
order they are named. General prayer meet-  
ings every Friday. The pastor, Dr. Malack  
—especially requests the Christians of all de-  
nominations in the village and vicinity to  
unite by earnest prayer and by constant at-  
tendance if possible, to promote a deep relig-  
ious interest in the community. And all the  
people are kindly urged to attend and im-  
prove the opportunity for a personal conver-  
sation to the service of God. Services begin  
at 7 o'clock.

## Christians of Middletown.

Many of you have attended and enjoyed the  
joint service of the Week of Prayer, now near  
its close. The doctrine of the humbly con-  
fession, the earnest prayer, which have been oc-  
cupying your minds and hearts cannot be  
without rich fruit of divine blessing. Last  
year the result was seen in the conversion of  
many precious souls, from a life of sin, to the  
service of the Saviour. This year it is pro-  
posed to commence a special service the com-  
ing week, in the Methodist Church, which  
will continue four weeks. To that you are  
earnestly invited to come. Come with prayer  
for God's presence. Come with expectation  
of divine favor to be bestowed on the word  
Come believing in the Holy Ghost, as an  
awakening and converting power. Come at  
the beginning of this service. Your own pas-  
tors and neighboring ministers will unite with  
you in word and deed, to lead all minds to  
closer walk with God; and if possible to  
bring wanderers back to his fold, and lead  
strangers to know and love him. L. C. M.

## Gift Withdrawn.

DELAWARE CITY, Jan. 8th, 1877.  
Mr. Editor—Dear Sir: I have seen a state-  
ment in your paper that Thomas Jefferson  
Clark, Esq., had donated the Academy build-  
ing to our city for school purposes. The  
above statement is incorrect. The facts of  
the case are as follows: On Christmas day,  
Mr. E. D. Cleaver, one of our commissioners,  
received a note from Mr. T. J. Clark, stating  
that "he gave as a Christmas present to De-  
lawe City the Academy building for school  
purposes." This unexpected generosity made  
our hearts glad. But, alas! on the next day  
Mr. Clark sent a messenger to Mr. Cleaver  
asking for a return of the note of donation as  
he wished to make some changes in the con-  
ditions. The note was accordingly returned.

In a few days Mr. Clark received the second  
note from Mr. T. J. Clark, stating that he  
would not donate the said Academy as he had  
not much faith in the administration of De-  
lawe City; viz: E. D. Cleaver, John T.  
Cleaves, Jesse Alexander, commissioners, and  
your obedient servant F. S. DUNLAP,  
Mayor.

**Proceedings of the Legislature.**  
Monday, Jan. 8th.  
Senate—Petitions were presented as fol-  
lows: By Mr. Ray from A. Baker and others,  
of School district No. 40, New Castle county,  
for an act to enable them to levy a tax of  
\$100 to repair their school house; by Mr.  
Hopkins from G. W. Horsey, for a change of  
location of his farm in Sussex from School  
district 46 to 51. The Speaker presented a  
memorial from the National Board of Trade,  
for the establishment of an Industrial Art  
School. Notice of bills: By Mr. Davis, to  
unite School districts Nos. 94 and 60. (Mid-  
dletown); by Mr. Ray, for the better protec-  
tion of sheep, pigs and poultry in New Castle  
county; by Mr. Denney, to incorporate the  
Wornden Manufacturing Company of Smyrna;  
by Mr. Hopkins, to amend Sec. 6, chap. 50,  
vol. 14, Delaware Laws.

**House—**The Speaker presented the memorial  
from the National Board of Trade (referred  
to above). Notice of bills was given as fol-  
lows: By Mr. Bird, to establish a State  
Work House; by Mr. Holcomb to amend the  
charter of the Kiamesee Woolen Company;  
to amend chap. 61 of the Rev. Code, concern-  
ing mills; by Mr. Morris, to amend the  
School law of March 1875. [This bill refers  
to Sussex county, and is to give the State  
Superintendent power to divide and consoli-  
date School districts]; to incorporate the  
Seaford Fire Insurance Co. to amend the At-  
tachment law; to lay out additional School  
districts in Sussex county and to incorporate  
the "United Children of the Light." Bills  
introduced: By Mr. Morris to repeal chapter  
50, vol. 15, Del. Laws; by Mr. Bird to re-  
peal the act for the protection of fishermen,  
passed 1875; to repeal the 1875 act to extend  
the term for recording deeds. Mr. Holcomb  
offered a joint resolution authorizing the State  
Treasurer to pay James & Webb for printing  
the Historical address of Hon. W. G. White-  
ley, delivered before the last Legislature—

motion of Mr. Brown, that part of the  
Seaford Fire Insurance Co. bill be referred  
to a special committee; that which re-  
lates to national affairs be referred to the  
Committee on Federal Relations; that relat-  
ing to insurance companies be referred to a  
special committee, and to finance to the Com-  
mittee on Ways and Means.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9th.**  
Senate—The Clerk of the House presented  
a joint resolution to repair the portrait of  
Com. Jones. On motion of Mr. Ray the res-  
olution was read and laid on the table. The  
division between Delaware and New Jersey  
were referred to special and ad hoc commit-  
tees. Mr. Davis introduced a bill to incor-  
porate the Middletown School Districts Nos. 60  
and 94. That part of the Governor's mes-  
sage relating to Federal Affairs was referred to  
a Committee of the Whole, on the motion of  
Mr. Hopkins. The joint resolution of the N.  
J. Legislature was read and it, with the part  
of the Governor's message that relates to the  
boundary question, was referred to a special  
committee—Messrs. Hopkins, Davis and Fid-  
dellan. Mr. Davis gave notice of an act to  
repeal the law requiring the publication of the  
Final Lists, in New Castle county. Mr. Den-  
ney introduced a bill to incorporate the Wor-  
nden Manufacturing Company of Smyrna.

**House—**Bills introduced: By Mr. Morris to  
amend the Free School law, passed 1875; by  
Mr. Holcomb to amend the charter of the  
Kiamesee Woolen Co.; to repeal the law in-  
corporating the Courts of New Castle county  
(chap. 557, vol. 14.) On motion of Mr.  
Cochran the part of the Governor's message  
relating to the National Affairs, together with  
the State Superintendent's report, was referred  
to a special committee on Education, on motion  
of Mr. Messick, that which relates to the deaf  
and dumb to a special committee. Mr. Coch-  
ran presented a petition for a more concise  
manner of amending the State Laws. Mr. Bird  
offered a bill to repeal the Sussex Dog Law.  
Mr. Burdette offered "an additional rule for  
the government of the House." Read and  
sustained till Thursday. This rule proposed  
to have every bill that amends a statute pro-  
vide what is to be stricken out, now it  
reads at present and how it will read as  
amended, and also provides for dividing the  
question on striking out and inserting.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10th.**  
Senate—The Clerk of the House presented

a joint resolution appointing a committee of  
two from the Senate and three from the House  
to examine the accounts of the State Treas-  
urer. The resolution was read and Messrs.  
Fidellan and Sharpley, subsequently, ap-  
pointed on the committee. Several bills were  
read a second time. Mr. Hopkins introduced  
a bill to amend Sec. 6, chap. 50, vol. 15, Del.  
Laws, and Mr. Denney gave notice of a bill  
to amend chap. 59, vol. 15.

**House—**Mr. Burnie offered a resolution  
that the rules of the House be so amended as  
to have a standing committee of three on  
printing. Adopted. On motion of Mr. Coch-  
ran the petition of Samuel Townsend and  
others for a more concise method of amend-  
ing the laws was referred to a special com-  
mittee of three. The following special com-  
mittees were appointed by the Speaker: On  
printing, Messrs. Taylor, Morris and Bird;  
on work-house, Bird, Holcomb, Brown, Mes-  
sick and Robinson; on the petition of Sam'l  
Townsend and others, Cochran, Burnie and  
Morris. Several bills, previously introduced  
and heretofore reported were read a first and  
second time. Mr. Records gave notice of a  
bill to amend the revenue act and the Speaker  
of one to amend the act relating to the fees of  
public officers. A resolution was adopted for  
the appointment of a Joint Committee to take  
into consideration that part of the Governor's  
message which relates to the Jersey Boundary  
question. Messrs. Burnie, Holcomb and  
Thompson were appointed the House's part of  
said committee. The resolutions of the N.  
J. Legislature were referred to the same com-  
mittee. Mr. Holcomb presented a petition  
from citizens of New Castle county for the  
repeal of the gill-net and gill-fishing laws—  
Mr. Thompson introduced a bill to repeal the  
act exempting certain personal property from  
execution process.

**Thursday, Jan. 11th.**  
Senate—Mr. Davis presented the following,  
which was adopted:

**Resolved,** That the Committee on Finance  
be instructed to inquire in regard to the ad-  
visability of cancelling the bonds held by  
Delaware College, and of issuing a certificate  
of indebtedness for the same.

Messrs. Davis and Fiddellan were appointed  
the Senate's mandamus committee. The com-  
mittee was discharged. The bill to incor-  
porate the Wornden Manufacturing Company  
was passed, as was also the bill for the benefit  
of G. W. Horsey of Sussex, and that for in-  
corporating the Middletown School Districts—Nos. 60  
and 94.

**House—**Bill introduced: By Mr. Records  
to amend chap. 7 of the Rev. Code; by Mr.  
Wright, to amend Sec. 23, chap. 111, Rev.  
Code.

Bill passed: The Sussex county Dog Law.  
Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution ap-  
propriating \$700 to pay the contingent ex-  
penses of the Secretary of State. Read and  
adopted. On motion of Mr. Holcomb the  
clerk was directed to have 400 additional  
copies of the Governor's message printed.

**Dover Letter.**  
What the Legislature is Doing—The Bal-  
lot for United States Senator.

(From our Special Correspondent.)  
DOVER, Del., Jan. 12, 1877.  
About the most important action of the  
House, this week, was the order to have printed  
Mr. Bird's bill for the erection of a State  
work house; the intention of this bill is to  
find employment for all those criminals con-  
victed of vagrancy, larceny, and, in fact, every  
prisoner that is under a fine of imprisonment.  
In order to raise \$100,000 for this purpose,  
the bill proposes to authorize the State Treas-  
urer to issue bonds of the denominations of  
\$1,000, \$500, and \$100 each. I think the  
bill meets with much favor, since every De-  
lawean is cognizant of the absence of any  
place of confinement for criminals who should  
earn their support by work.

Last week, State Superintendent of Free  
Schools, Mr. J. H. Graves, submitted his first  
annual report to Governor Cochran, who trans-  
mitted it to the Legislature, and then  
ordered it to be printed. Having a look  
over the proof-sheets of the work, I can but  
speak in the highest terms of the work accom-  
plished, and presume largely upon the un-  
doubted benefits that will accrue from his as-  
siduous labors. He recommends many good  
changes in the law creating the office of State  
Superintendent, and assigns him certain  
duties and powers, and suggests that will prove  
interesting when the report is distributed. It  
is to be declared that we have in our State  
some persons who will object to a State Su-  
perintendent, but it is nevertheless so. A peti-  
tion will probably be sent from Sussex  
county praying to have the law creating the  
office repealed; and, even in New Castle  
county, where more benefit has been derived  
from it in the cause of public school educa-  
tion than in the other counties combined,  
some dissatisfied parties are trying to get up  
a petition against its abolition. But just here  
the Committee on Education of the House  
are almost unanimous in their opinion that  
not only should the office of Superintendent  
be continued, but that he should have an as-  
sistant. Of course any one who knows that  
many other States have County Superintend-  
ents of Free Schools, will agree with the  
committee. Mr. Groves, and the committee,  
held a conference on Wednesday, and will  
hold another one next week.

A most important action was the appoint-  
ment of a committee of three from the House  
and two from the Senate to settle the bound-  
ary question between Delaware and New Jersey,  
or, at least to meet the New Jersey au-  
thorities and confer with them on the matter.  
New Jersey has already submitted the ques-  
tion to the Supreme Court for a decision.

The motion was made and carried, on Wed-  
nesday, to appoint a committee to inquire into  
the "tramp" nuisance which Delaware is in-  
flicted with yearly, and it is conjectured that  
some action will follow their investigations.

The Grangers, at their annual session in Wil-  
mington, last year, passed a resolution author-  
izing the appointment of a committee to pre-  
pare a bill for the Legislature imposing a fine  
on every tramp coming into the State in a  
wandering, careless manner, without any in-  
tention of procuring work. That bill has  
probably been sent to the Legislature; if so,  
there will be no doubt some action taken on it.

Next Monday evening a Democratic caucus  
will be held for the nomination of a United  
States Senator, in the place of Hon. Eli Sauls-  
bury, whose term expires this session of Con-  
gress. It is generally believed that Mr. Sauls-  
bury will be re-elected, though some members  
of the caucus will have the right of post  
experience, and the dictates of sound com-  
mon sense.

**The American Farmer.**  
The January No. of this old and reliable  
journal is received, being the initial number  
of a new volume, and contains a full and com-  
plete list of the contents of the year, as well  
as fresh and every indication of vigor and  
effectiveness, as if it was in the earliest stages  
of its existence, instead of having seen, as is  
the case, the terms of nearly two generations.  
One-half or more of which having been under  
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Our New York Fashion Letter.

By Mrs. Grundy.

WINTER HATS.

Of course the Christmas Holiday fashions are supposed to be the highest touch of art, and no one disputes the fact that they always are an improvement on the first crude Fall styles. But this year there is less difference to be seen than in usually the case. Economy is the favorite topic among feminine New Yorkers, but it is difficult to see in what they have carried out their good ideas. Perhaps millinery shows it somewhat—bonnets being plainer than the first fall openings indicated. The "show hats" were then piled up with several stories of loops, flowers and feathers, while now we see a great number of simpler and to us more artistic bonnets, depending on their rich material and stylish makeup rather than on quantity of trimming. Plain bands of silk velvet, with a few loops and a steel pin or buckle can be arranged on a pretty felt in such a way as to make a charming effect. Of course, feathers improve, but they are not absolutely necessary as our milliners would have us believe. The "Cavalier" and "Stanley" are the favorite shapes in hats. The former has a wide brim and high crown, making a long plume almost indispensable, the latter has the brim very drooping, almost fitting the forehead. Then there are intermediate shapes of various styles, the English walking hat, always a standard, and others more fantastic. Some of these are turned up at the side and worn far back on the head, some even turned up at the side of the back while a broad brim reaches out in front. But this brigandish fashion is almost entirely monopolized by our gay young friends of the white wails, black coat and plaster and choked up necks. Gray felt is the favorite material. Bonnets have not changed very much except to be a little closer fitting in the back and higher in front.

COLORS AGAIN.

In dress the most convenient as well as the most stylish suit for general street wear is of brown camel's hair cashmere serge or basket clothes. This is usually made up in a very long and full overskirt and stylish jacket, both trimmed with tassel fringe and worn over brown or black silk skirt. Obscure stripes are still worn but plain and damask goods are better. There is a greater inclination toward colors, both in house and street costumes. The good taste of American ladies always prompts them to make black the standard dress for street wear, and even now four-fifths of the shoppers are so attired. But for calling, visiting and carriage wear the dark shades of green, plum, blue and maroon are much worn. In party dresses gay contrasts are produced, even blue silk and green are piped with cardinal, and blue and green put together.

TRIMMINGS.

To return to woolen goods, the dark gray and black mixed wool material made up with black silk, is very stylish. Polonaises of this material are pretty, draped low in the back, trimmed simply with cords and bows of black silk, and worn over one of those made-over black silk skirts that form so important a part of almost every lady's wardrobe. Overskirts are longer than ever, if possible, the length before looping often exceeding that of the underskirt. As a result the underskirts are not trimmed very much, one ruffle alone generally being used. Sometimes the skirt is perfectly plain if of rich material. The fringe of the overskirt shows very handsomely over this skirt. And this fringe seems to be almost indispensable. Pretty woolen tassel fringe can be bought for from thirty to seventy-five cents a yard. Ball fringe is somewhat used, but it has a netted heading. Black fringe silk comes in a hundred styles, very deep netted heading being most expensive and most elegant. The handsomest has a heading of half a yard, each square of netting ornamented with a small ball. About a yard of this trims the whole front of a dress, being headed of course by a wide fold of velvet or silk.

OLD AND NEW.

The "Princess" seems to be about the most novel thing in the cut of dresses. It often has a sort of riding habit look, and is trimmed up the front with passementerie. Some ladies of majestic figure affect a military style in this dress, small high breast pockets, and real military band trimmings—These braids are to be used very much, gold, silver and steel and cut out patterns imitating embroidery. Platings and flutings seem to be imperishable. The plain cuirass is still the waist for all dresses except the polonaise and princess. It is sometimes pointed now and made longer than formerly, but not in house dresses. Pretty silk bows are occasionally put on the front in place of buttons, or otherwise disposed on the waist. For instance two bows at each side of the skirt of the cuirass, the upper one a little larger than the lower. Bows are "fat," very snugly made, and are prettier of doubled silk than of ribbon. The Dolman is the rage in outside garments. On old days we see the long fur trimmed or lined pelisses of last year with hats trimmed in fur to match. Dark furs are most fashionable, except for lining. All garments are long of whatever shape. They say that in Paris soft fould is universally used for underwear, being pronounced more sanitary than flannel—also more costly. They are wearing those hideous long notes in Paris with

HOW BANK TAKES WEIGH UPON INDUSTRY.

Banks, inordinately taxed, recoup from their customers the sums to which this unskillful taxation subjects them. Their customers, in turn, draw from the community with which they deal, prices for their merchandise enhanced by the discounts they pay at bank. So the tax presently falls on the consumer, and inasmuch as, excluding idlers and non-productives, the actual laborer is the only consumer who pays, this tax falls entirely upon the laborer at last. If it were paid by him in the first instance, it would be easier. But each intermediate party silently adds to it enough to cover risk and profit in dealing with it. So that it is eventually paid by the producing class with two or three unnecessary additions to it.

But this is not the worst of it. These taxes affect the rates paid for the use of money in all business enterprises. The taxes upon banks, in New York city for instance, amount to two per cent. of the capital for federal taxes, and three and one-tenth per cent. for local taxes—that is to say, over five per centum in the whole. Add the inevitable expenses of banking, bookkeeping, rent, &c., and it follows that the total disbursements, including taxes—before a dollar is earned for the stockholder—swell to a rate greater than what should be the steady interest on money employed in agriculture, manufactures and commerce.

I was shown in an article which we printed not long since, in respect to a bank in New York city with five million dollars capital and one million surplus, that these have need to be loaned at about six per cent. per annum to get revenue enough barely to pay expenses and taxes. That is to say, upon the employment of its money at current rates of interest, the bank makes nothing. The entire revenues from that quarter are absorbed in expenses, with nothing left to be divided among the stockholders.

It is plain that the interest paid for money used in productive industries enhances to that extent the cost of production, and the commodities created under that condition go into the markets of the world weighted with that burden.

In the present dull times in England money is lending on commercial bills at less than two per cent. per annum. Affairs are bad enough in the United States, as everybody knows, yet our manufacturers are paying certainly not less than six per cent. per annum for whatever money is borrowed for use in their business. If they are not paying so much interest in the aggregate as formerly, it is because they are doing much less business. But it only concerns our argument to show that in respect to what business they are doing, they are even now paying rates of interest twice as high as those paid by English manufacturers.

Mr. Sprague used to say that for the money invested in a spindle the American spinner paid \$1.00 annual interest, while the English spinner paid only 90 cents. The difference seems not much, but it weighted the American product to that extent.

Until recently, our cotton goods found no sale abroad—none to any mentionable extent. English goods filled all the markets—poorer goods than ours and less stylish. In plain cottons, bleached and unbleached, our fabrics had the even thread and were of honest make. In prints, American designs and colors were fairer and better. Yet England had the markets.

At the high rates they had to pay for capital or current credits to do business with, our manufacturers never dared to borrow money to make goods with which to contest foreign markets. They paid six per cent., seven per cent., nine per cent. per annum; then one per cent., and sometimes as high as one and a-half per cent. per month, for credits with which to manufacture for the home trade. That was fenced off their against foreign competition by a protective tariff. Secure in that market, they charged the consumer profit enough to reimburse what they had paid as interest.

It is only since the panic of 1873 that our manufacturers of cottons have ventured into foreign markets. Success has been such as justified the strongest manufacturers, perhaps those employing their own money mainly, to continue the trade.

The markets which they sought and were thus successful in, have always been open to them, but they could enter them to no purpose with the cost of their goods enhanced by such disbursements as of interest at the rates they have had to pay on the money used in their manufacture. Taxed as the banks are, it is plain that they have to get a high rate of interest even to pay the taxes and expenses. Then they have to get about as much more to learn what stockholders have been led to regard as a fair return on capital. But both these charges, taxes and expenses and dividends, fall on such manufacturers as

A Black Year.

The old year went out bathed in blood. Never were so many horrible disasters as were crowded into the closing months of the year seventy-six. And during the last month it seemed to gather as much horror as possible into a small compass, like a grim old tyrant who delights in sending the young and happy to the fate that is coming swiftly to him. The whole year has been dark with death. It dawned upon the shipwreck of the Deutschland. The first day of January, '76, broke upon a stormy North sea, whose icy surges were beating over the lost ship, and numb fingers relaxing their grasp, and giving up at last to the fury of the waves. And all through the year the number of disasters at sea has been heavy. Pleasure yachting has not escaped the general ill fortune, and the yacht Mohawk hurried a gay party of young people into a swift and dreadful death. The year closed upon the wreck of the Circassian, in which a crew of thirty-two brave men all perished, except three or four. The year ended as it began—in winter shipwreck. War, not less than shipwreck, has been attended with unaccounted horrors. In the East the Bashi-Bazouks, turned loose to glut their bloodthirsty natures in christian blood, massacred twelve thousand men, women and children in cold blood. The great cry of women, outraged and butchered, and old men and babies slaughtered, and a land laid waste and desolate, thrilled Europe to its centre. In our own country brave Custer rode, with three hundred men, into the jaws of massacre, and the bodies of the slain were desecrated with mutilations not to be spoken of. Pestilence has sent a fearful visitation into the southern country. In Savannah and Brunswick the yellow fever and black vomit raged most fearfully. In Brunswick four-fifths of the people were smitten with it, and the city was hung in black. Famine has spared us. But in the East there is now a scarcity so severe that the famine of three years ago seems threatened with eclipse. The Hindus were starved by the hundred thousand. On the last night of October the sea rose like a wall of water, twenty feet high, and swept across the low land at the mouth of the Ganges, and in a few minutes over three hundred thousand lives were blotted out of existence. The magnitude of this calamity is almost unparalleled in history. Fire has quenched its fierce thirst in blood as never before. A year or two ago it attacked our cities; and Chicago, Boston and Baltimore were successively destroyed by the acre or by the square mile. This year it has attacked human life rather than houses. Early in the year it seized on the Catholic charitable home in Brooklyn, and in a little while eighteen human bodies were writhing in the flames. This was only the prelude to the terrible disaster of the theatre in the same city. It is fresh in the minds of all. One calamity befell a theatre; the other a place of christian charity and devotion. The fire spared neither the one nor the other. Last of all comes the crashing of a train through a bridge down seventy feet into a frozen river, and a fire that consumed the wreck and over one hundred lives within. This was on the last day but one of the year. Truly this has been a twelvemonth of strange and appalling disasters. May the new one bring us better fortune.—Baltimore Gazette.

No friends have a perfect suitableness to each other, and roughness and inequalities that are nearest us are most troublesome. That wonderful variety and contrariety of apprehension, interest, temperaments, occasions, and temptations are such, that, while we are scandalized at the discord and confusions of the world we must recall ourselves, and admire that all ruling Providence which keepeth up so much order and concord as there is.

Many people using a lead pencil in writing have a habit of putting the point in their mouths after writing a few words, under the impression, perhaps, that it makes the chirography look plainer and blacker. It is well to suggest to such persons that every time they touch the pencil to their tongues they seriously endanger their health.—Cases have occurred where the system has been so badly poisoned that paralysis and death have resulted from this practice.

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